



THE EASTERN IOWA DX'ER

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CLUB NEWSLETTER OF THE EASTERN IOWA DX ASSOCIATION

Club Officers

President: NUØP Steve White

Vice-Pres: WBBZRL Tom Vavra

Sec-Treas: NCØO Tom Hise

The Fall meeting of the EIDXA will be held on Friday, October 12, at 7:30 PM, in the REC building in Marion (the corner of 35th St and 10th Ave). Coffee and donuts at 1900. The meeting will include election of officers for 1991. Dues will be collected. Rather than a program, we will QSY to Pizza Hut for an extended ragchew session.

Thoughts from the President's shack....

With the onset of fall comes the contest/dx season again and time for all that antenna work that we put off because it was too hot and humid or because we were too busy this summer. This is the time to get after all those antenna projects we dreamed up over the summer. I know KØVZR has some antenna projects under way or completed by now as well as KØGVB who has some serious antenna work he wants to get done this fall. Gary has a 100 foot tower that needs shortening and begs for a 40 M beam at 70 feet. Of course Gary could just take one of those towers laying around in his junk box and put that 40 meter beam on it. Imagine the size of his junk box that contains towers in one cardboard box and beams in the other. He must have to sort them all by manufacturer. Seriously, this is the perfect time of the year for antenna parties, so don't hesitate to organize one for your antenna farm. There are lots of helpful guys (and a gal) in the club who will be happy to pitch in and help.

Fall also brings EIDXA elections again. This upcoming meeting will be devoted to electing a new set of officers for the EIDXA. WBBZRL, NCØO, and I have enjoyed the offices we have held for the last two years but its time now for some new blood in the club leadership. I have always thought that there is no reason that the club officers need to be located in Cedar Rapids. With all the communication equipment that we have at our disposal most all club coordination meetings can be held on the H.F. bands or on some two meter simplex freq for that matter. There will be plenty of people available in C.R. to locate rooms for the meetings etc. So as you think about the next group of officers don't constrain your thinking to Cedar Rapids residents. Its time we gave the members in the South or S.E. part of the state a chance to run the club.

see you all soon

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STEVE NUØP

Minutes of the 18 August 1990 meeting of the EIDXA

President NUØP called the meeting to order at 1500Z on August 18 at the CVARC Hamfest. All present introduced themselves. The minutes and reports were approved as printed in the newsletter. WØEJ gave a report on the packet cluster, stating that coverage now included Northern Illinois, NW Indiana, much of Wisconsin, SE Minnesota and, of course, Eastern Iowa. Possible improvements may include a high digi in Muscatine. WØSR reported on DXAC activities. He relayed that no application had been received for the Jarvis Island operation, and that they were studying applications for Penguin (ZS1) and Grosse Ile (CIØBI). Much discussion followed on how the DXAC should accept the country status of 70. WØEJ presented an 'All Quiet' report from the Iowa Section. WØMJN reported on the repeater: that KØVM had (once again) repaired the PA - the transistor overheated and unsoldered itself. NUØP announced that he would host a multi-single operation in the CQWW SSB contest in October. He firmly stated his intention to surpass that group of EIDXAers from up North (which in 1989 finished 2nd in the zero area). WØSR reported that the membership committee had reviewed two applications and recommended them to the members. KØCWR, Mary, and NØLJO, Jeff, were unanimously approved for Associate membership. CONGRATULATIONS. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The program followed with Paul Grauer, WØFIR, Midwest Division Director fielding questions and opinions.

-----Attendees-----

KCØQ, NBØH, WØQLX(*), WDØAWL, NKØN, NØEA(*), KZØC, WØIZ, WØSR, KØEOS(*), KEØY, WØEJ, KFØKY(*), KFØID(*), WØFYG, WØSML, WEØU, WKØI, KØGVB, KØRW, WØPPF, KØAL, NØLJO, WBØZKB, KØACWR, KUØY(*), WBØB, KCØGM(*), KØUIV(*), NYØV, KØRRY(*), KFØAD(*), KBØCRG(*), NØMDF(*), WØMJN, KØVZR, KBØSY, WWØQ(*), NØICI, KØJGH, NØSM, NØJCM, KØIIR, NUØP, WBBZRL (*) = guests

TREASURERS REPORT
As of October 1, 1990

GENERAL FUND

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Balance Forward		\$552.05

EXPENSES

Postage August Newsletter	\$11.25	

Subtotal	-\$11.25	-11.25

General Fund Balance		\$540.80

REPEATER FUND

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Balance Forward		\$ 9.90
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INCOME

Contribution	11.25	11.25

Repeater Fund Balance		\$ 21.15

Annual dues (\$5) will be collected at the meeting. Remember that the repeater fund is nearly depleted, so include a bit extra with your dues to maintain the repeater.

Member News Bits

KCØQ - Jeff is a new call on the packet cluster. We look forward to seeing his newest keyer in the November QST. **FLASH** -- A letter from Don Search notified Jeff that he is now on the Mixed Honor Roll. **KØBT** - Gary broke the code and got a rare FR5DX 75 meter card. It took an engraved photograph of Lincoln to do it. **WDØAWL** - Terry was unfortunately QRT after a lightning hit to the tower. **NØJCM** - John also had a sudden experience with lightning, taking out his digipeater. **KAØCWR** - Mary used her new operating privileges to work many new ones. She is currently over 160 worked and will probably have her 100th card by the club meeting. **KØGVB** - Gary got some big dumps from the KC Bureau. Maybe being a member of the KC club makes a difference. **KØRW** - While working ZM7AM0, Ron apologized for not giving John another RW suffix QSO. **WØWP** - Tom has been busy getting the new homestead built. The 3-car garage has been finished for a while. The basement is done and the first floor is 'sticked in'. Tom expects to have the roof on soon, closing up the house. Plans are to move in sometime after the first of the year. Tom says the towers will have to wait until spring, so make plans for several antenna raising parties at Whisky Papa's. **KDØRT** - Brad is getting his packet setup going and we hope to see him on the cluster soon. **WØIZ** - Dale got some help from WP and finally got that errant rotator under control. **NBØH** - Jack spent some time in the hospital, but all is well now and he is heard on the bands regularly. **ABØM** - Vern can always be found on the bottom of the bands ragchewing with his Russian friends in their native language. Rare is the person that takes the time to learn another language a word or two at a time like Vern has. **WBØZKG** - Contrary to popular belief, Chuck has been heard working rare DX on cw. You still need a better way of confirming those contacts Chuck. **KUØA** - Nelson puts a nice signal into the repeater with his overhauled 2M antenna. **KFØZ** - Jan can often be found on the 'WARC' bands. He would have more operating time if he didn't spend so much time getting his PC monitor repaired. **WØSR** - Jim has lots of travel time under his belt this summer, both business and pleasure. Unfortunately, some of it occurred during the 70BAA operation. **WØMJN** - Joe got a new 386 based PC that cuts into the operating time a little bit. **KØJGH** - Speaking of computers, software guru Glen did not quite have all the bugs worked out of some software used for Field Day logging. **NØICI** - Grant was the (not so happy) user of Glen's (not so robust) logging program. **WØEJ** - Wade saw lots of Iowa country side as he cycled RAGBRAI this year. His 2M rig saw plenty of action as he rode. **NØLJO** - Jeff is outfitting a station for his students at Toledo Middle School with assistance from WBØZKG. The station currently consists of a Uniden 2600 and a modified CB magi mount mounted upside down on the air conditioner. Jeff relates that the students have already worked some DX and are very excited. A recently acquired tri-bander (donated by ABØM) is to be installed when some more tower sections are obtained. **KØVZR** - Tom keeps finding new ones on CW and has his count up over 275. **NUØP** - Steve is putting more antennas on the tower, this time a tri-bander fixed mounted to Europe. **WBØZRL** - Tom received two envelopes in one day from the DXCC desk (after a period of 6 months plus one day). One returned 4 cards in time to resubmit before the end of Sept., and the other informed him of Mixed Honor Roll status. **W4NIM** - Bob tries to check into the EIDXa net most Sunday evenings, but his signal is marginal at best. Often he will QSY to 20 SSB after the net. On 16 Oct he was in Key Largo, FL, and planning to sail towards Miami soon. Bob did say that the boat has been christened DX Bound and the small ship-to-shore boat is Short Skip. No definite news on his voyage schedule. Bob checks in to a /mm net on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays. Frequency is 7268 at 0645 (central) local. **NBØW** - Keith still checks cards for the CQ magazine awards that may be field checked. **KZØC** - Jim has the antenna system ready for the winter DX and contest season. **NKØN** - Orville is experimenting with K1EA's contest software.

Some Near-Term goodies

MALPELO ISLAND, HKØ. HKØTU will be on the air November 3 to 8 with a team of 15 Colombian operators. They will be operating around the clock on 16Ø thru 1Ø meters, both CW and SSB. QSL via HK3DDD.

SOUTH GEORGIA, VPØ. QSL manager ØM4KLO says Gordon VPØCDJ, will be active from South Georgia for the next 18 months. He will be operating SSB only.

ANGOLA, D2. The rumormill has a well known European DXer going to Angola for an official visit by government invitation. If he is successful in obtaining a written authorization to transmit, expect a week of intensive CW, SSB and RTTY operation.

SAN FELIX, CEØ. Another persistent rumor has a Chilean operator going to San Felix in January, 1991, on a six month military assignment. He is said to prefer CW operation.

ROTUMA ISLAND, 3D2. Look for 3D2XV operated by VK2BCH for most of the month of October. Bing prefers SSB and Net Operations.

SAINT PAUL ISLAND, CY9. Operation by FP5DX and VE1KM is promised for October 2Ø to 3Ø. All bands, both CW and SSB, with RTTY on 2Ø and 15 meters. Call signs requested are CY9SPI and CY9DX. QSL via FP5DX.

SIERRA LEONE, 9L. Dave, 9L1US is on 21237 KHz at 19ØØZ every Sunday. He will set up a schedule for a requested band and mode if you ask him nicely. Dave is planning an expedition to Guinea, 3X.

SOUTH SUDAN, STØ. Yannik, STØYD, is active on 2Ø meter SSB. He will also be signing ST2YD from Khartoum. QSL via F6AJA.

YEMEN, 7Ø. Club station 7Ø7AA is currently active from Ø9ØØ to 1ØØØZ during weekends on 21335 KHz. The two YL and two OM operators hope to expand operating hours in the near future.

DL7FT says he will be active from the 'South Indian Ocean' Sept 28 to Oct 8. QSL direct only to his home call.

TOKELAU, ZK3. Kiyoko will, depending on transportation, depart for the Tokelau Islands on September 25 or 28. She expects to be active for about a month. Next stop -- Tarawa (T3Ø).

Contest Korner

Congratulations are extended to Gary, KØØVB/C6A, for winning the 4Ø Meter Plaque in the 199Ø ARRL DX contest. Wade, WØEJ, was Midwest Division leader in both modes in the same contest.

Lots of EIDXÄ calls showed up in the results of both the ARRL test and the CQWW contest. A fine showing for the club.

Upcoming contests

Oct 6-7	VK/ZL/Oceania Contest, phone
Oct 13-14	VK/ZL/Oceania Contest, cw
Oct 27-28	CQWW DX contest, phone
Nov 1Ø-11	European DX Contest, RTTY
Nov 24-25	CQWW DX contest, cw
Dec 8-9	ARRL 1ØM contest

EIDXA membership list
October 1990

call stat name

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KUOA	FULL	Nelson Moyer 28 Ealing Dr. Iowa City, Ia 52246 319-351-8775 home 319-335-4588 work
KOAL	INACT	Al Culbert 1218 Oakland Rd NE Unit 'C' Cedar Rapids, Ia 52402
WDBAWL	FULL	Terry Cellman 783 Lincoln St. Ainsworth, Ia 52201 319-657-3681 home 319-648-2891 work
WBBB	FULL	Larry J. Newby P.O. Box 185 West Burlington, Ia 52655 319-752-8788 home 319-754-4692 work
WBBX	FULL	Lee L. McKee 1828 Briarwood Lane Muscatine, Ia 52761 319-263-8398 home
KZOC	FULL	Jim Bohnsack 1169 Rainbow Dr. Waterloo, Ia 50701 319-233-7189 home
KACWR	ASSOC	Mary Dennis 488 E. Vine Toledo, IA 52342 515-484-4837 home
WDEJ	FULL	Wade Walstrom 7431 Macon Drive NE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52401 319-393-8982 home 124-115 as
WAFYB	ASSOC	Rick Hadley 115 Scenic Dr. Vinton Ia 52349
KQBT	FULL	Gary Toomsen 2738 Tower Dr. Cedar Rapids, Ia 52401 319-395-9329 home 137-122 as
KQGV	FULL	Gary Ernst RR 2 West Branch, Ia 52358 319-643-2287 home
KFBH	FULL	Jim Harvey 819 W. Main St. Goldfield, Ia 50542 515-825-3323 home
KJOM	ASSOC	John Schwandke 1486 N. Marion Washington, Ia 52353 319-653-3686 home 319-653-2113 work
NBBH	FULL	Jack Muckler 2884 Eastern Blvd. SE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52403 319-362-3462 home
NBHNJ	ASSOC	David Corio 38 Leisure Blvd. NE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52402 319-395-7973 home 319-395-8462 work
WKBI	FULL	Terry Parker 535 Sierra Dr Burlington, Ia 52601 319-753-1557 home 319-753-8591 work
WVICI	FULL	Grant Kesselring RR #7 Box 160 Ottumwa, Ia 52501 515-934-5328 home
KQIR	FULL	Clark Pantei 1618 Hershey Ave. Muscatine, Ia 52761 319-263-9158 home 319-263-6141 work
KQINR	ASSOC	Tom Taylor RR 1 Shell Rock, Ia 50678 319-885-4488 home 319-236-1588 work
WQIZ	FULL	Dale Repp 1618 Texas Ave. NE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52402 319-393-6724 home
NBJCM	ASSOC	John Mayer 588 37th Ave Clinton, Ia 52732 319-243-2414 home 319-244-2389 work
KQJGH	FULL	Glen Kesselring RR #7 Box 160 Ottumwa, Ia 52501 515-934-5328 home
WBLJO	ASSOC	Jeff Barker Box 325 Toledo, IA 52342
ABOM	ASSOC	Vern Lang 118 E. 2nd St. Muscatine, Ia 52761 319-263-2697 home 319-263-5841 work
WGBM	ASSOC	Tom Gordon 6984 Brentwood Dr. NE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52402 319-373-8757 home 319-851-7219 work
WBMJM	ASSOC	Joe Finkstein 2218 Empire St. Marion, Ia 52382 319-377-6573 home 319-395-2294 work 186-124 as
NKBN	FULL	Orville Duecker 226 Southcrest Waterloo, Ia 50702 319-296-2398 home 319-233-3569 work
WQNB	ASSOC	Jim Livengood R.R. 1, Ferre's Lane Burlington, Ia 52601 319-752-9318 home 319-752-2781 work
W4NIM	INACT	Bob Hill 2837 SW 61st Ave Miami, FL 33155
NCBQ	FULL	Tom Hise PO Box 184 Shellsburg, Ia 52332 319-436-7786 home 124-115 as
NUBP	FULL	Steve White 5828 Sanden Rd. NE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52401 319-393-4547 home 319-395-4641 work 153-268 as
WOPPF	FULL	George Carsner 411 Terrace Rd. Iowa City, Ia 52245 319-338-1681 home 319-351-5833 work
KCBQ	FULL	Jeff Russell 2125 Linmar Dr. NE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52402 319-363-4139 home 319-395-4664 work 124-211 as
KKBR	ASSOC	Bob Tillman P.O. Box 1 Eldora, Ia 50627
NARR	FULL	Roger Hoffman 17215 Timber Drive Sterling, IL 61081 815-625-6647 home
KDORT	FULL	Brad Farrell 1401 Greenwood Dr Ottumwa, Ia 52501 515-684-7768 home 515-682-4535 work
KBRW	FULL	John Lenahan 923 N. 9th St. Burlington, Ia 52601 319-753-6883 home 319-752-2731 work
NBSM	FULL	Steve Miller Route 6 Box 188 Ottumwa, Ia 52501 515-684-4753 home
WBSML	ASSOC	Doug Byal 4431 Deer View Rd, NE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52402 319-393-2974 home 319-395-4283 work 153-288 as
WBSR	FULL	Jim Spencer 3712 Tanager Dr. NE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52402 319-393-7353 home 319-395-2385 work 124-115 as
KBSY	FULL	Rick Cordle 515 28th St. SE Mason City, Ia 50401 515-424-1535 home
KKBU	FULL	Paul Feddersen 783 Eclipse Lane Clinton, Ia 52732 319-242-9918 home 319-242-6214 work
WGBU	FULL	George Gruenther 1186 S. Leebick Burlington, Ia 52601 319-753-1461 home 319-753-6253 work
KQUYH	FULL	Timothy Allan 732 Wildwood Rd. Waterloo, Ia 50702 319-234-4215 home 319-292-8796 work
WBUZ	ASSOC	John Nelson 3189 Terry Dr. SE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52403 319-365-4432 home
NYBV	FULL	Tom Vinson 18211 Hall Road NE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52401 319-393-8887 home 128-185 as
KBVM	ASSOC	Al Groff 1446 Council St. NE Cedar Rapids, Ia 52402 319-393-8134 home 319-395-4666 work 124-211 as
KBVZR	FULL	Tom White RR82 Jesup, Ia 50648 319-827-6738 home 319-334-7166 work
NBSW	ASSOC	Keith Erickson 1818 Hillside Dr. NW Cedar Rapids, Ia 52405 319-396-8518 home 319-398-3551 work
WBNP	FULL	Tom Lindgren 1268 13th Ave. Marion, Ia 52382 319-377-4279 home 319-395-1953 work 187-118 as
KEBY	FULL	Tom Kramer 985 LeRoy Muscatine, Ia 52761 319-264-3259 home
KFBZ	FULL	Jan Clute 328 College Blvd. Mount Vernon, Ia 52314 319-895-6635 home 319-927-2143 work
WBBZK6	FULL	Chuck Dennis 488 E. Vine Toledo, Ia 52342 515-484-4837 home
WBBZRL	FULL	Tom Vavra 682 Palisades Access Rd. Ely, Ia 52227 319-848-7684 home

The initial reaction to the announcement of fees for the DXCC program brought howls from the DX community. We were assured however that the DXers were not being singled out for 'special' treatment. Further research shows that we may have indeed been singled out.

A phone call to Newington informed me that the decision to charge a fee had been published with the minutes of the Jan 90 Board meeting. No matter how many times I reread those minutes, I could find no mention, other than the approval of a budget for 1990. I did spot a box that offered individual committee reports for the cost of reproduction and mailing. Here is what I found.

From the minutes of the November 17-18, 1989 meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors Administration & Finance Committee. Committee members present were Chairman Ed Metzger, W9PRN, Clyde Hurlbert, W5CH, Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, James McCobb, K1LLU, Joel Harrison, WBSIGF, and EVP David Sumner, K1ZZ.

8) The committee was disturbed that it had been presented a budget that balanced only with a dues increase. The committee unanimously instructed Mr. Sumner to revise the proposed 1990 budget, excluding the incorporation of a dues increase, which would reflect a balance between revenue and expenses. The committee recessed at 11:00 AM to permit Mr. Sumner's revision.

9) The committee reconvened at 12:45 PM and discussed Mr. Sumner's revision. On motion of Mr. Hurlbert, second by Mr. Metzger, the 1990 proposed budget was approved, by a vote of 3 in favor to 1 abstaining, as amended by the following:

- a. Reduce QST publication expense by approximately \$40,000.
- b. Reduce QST forwarding expense by approximately \$5,000.
- c. Eliminate "additional IS staff" from IARU support budget.
This saves \$48,750 in salaries, \$10,725 in fringes, \$500 in training, and \$9,000 in relocation and interview expense. Total savings \$68,975.
- d. Cut "influencing WARC - 92 agenda" by 50% in IARU support budget (travel overseas). Reason: opportunity to spend the funds for this objective probably will not develop. Total savings \$8,250.
- e. Cut "contingencies" by 50% in IARU support budget (travel overseas). Reason: use of funds not defined
Total savings \$3,500.
- f. Eliminate Awards Assistant, QSL Bureau Assistant, and DXCC data entry clerk positions presently unfilled. Result: continuing backlog in these service areas. Total savings \$44,631.
- g. Reduce travel - member contact budget by 20%.
Total savings \$5,600.
- h. Eliminate public relations consultant. Total savings \$36,000.
- i. Eliminate public relations ad expense (promotional videotape). Total savings \$15,000.

- j. Reduce membership promotional mailings from 30,000 to 20,000 per month, and make other reductions in printing and postage budgets. Total savings \$30,000.
- k. Reduce provision for depreciation (the result of reducing the capital budget). Total savings \$8,000.
- l. Payroll - \$36,000.
- m. Create DXCC AWARDS FEES as a source of new revenue and to reduce volume of DXCC applications, particularly from overseas. Total approximate revenue \$30,000.
- n. 800 telemarketing activity is deferred. Total savings \$69,048.

Total.....\$400,004

Mr. Heyn ask to be recorded as abstaining.

10) After completion of the above, the committee was satisfied that staff had exhibited sufficient fiscal responsibility, and was prepared to discuss a membership dues increase. The committee concluded the next few years will place an additional strain on the League's financial resources while a 220 MHz court battle proceeds, preparation for WARC in 1992 begins and is followed through, and establishment of government relations continues. After a very lengthy discussion, the committee unanimously directed the following resolution be submitted to the board at the 1990 Annual meeting in January: (text of the resolution, which appeared in QST, announcing a dues increase, followed. ed.)

Thats it folks, that is where the fees came from.

The slashing that comes with budget balancing is something that we have come to accept. That any thought would be given to what is being cut is maybe too much to expect, especially when it was done in something less than 2 hours. The DXers seem to have take several shots here, losing a bureau (outgoing? - we just took a fee hike there) person, losing an data entry person at the DXCC desk, and being asked to be the first (only??) activity to pay its own way when asking for League services.

I remember being assured that the fee was for 'expedient services' for the DXCC submitters. It looks to me like they were used to balance the budget (on paper at least). Now that the budget is balanced, and increased dues are in effect, I am looking forward to seeing where our fees are going to be used. Just replacing the deleted data entry position is not sufficient. It must be filled and (at least) another created and filled.

I am at a loss to know why the Committee was so specific about "reduc(ing) volume particularly from overseas." The fee schedule (which by-the-way is not specified in the budget) will surely induce the stateside DXers to submit only once a year. Are we going to chase away the foreign DXCCers with a \$10 (or more) fee for each submission? If so, will enough of them drop the program, that the DX-peditions will drop off significantly? With a devious enough mind, one could read into this whole exercise an attempt to drive off the DXers a bit further, and eventually kill the DXCC program.

Several of our members have recently upgraded their licenses. Chuck, WBØZKG, aced his 13 wpm test for a General ticket. Mary, KAØCWR, (her OM is WBØZKG) has gone from Novice to Tech, to General, and has a 20 wpm certificate in hand. Jeff, NØLJO, exchanged his advanced ticket for an Extra. Toledo seems to be a hotbed of activity these days. Congratulations to each of you.

KØJGH has gracefully assumed the job of Net Controll and calls the EIDXA net each Sunday evening at 2130 local time. The frequency is 3780 +/- QRM. The net is about the only opportunity to chat with the folks in Burlington, Mason City, and other distant sites. A few of those not able to transmit on 3780 do check in via the repeater. We look forward to hearing each of you check in.

Last year during the CQWW SSB contest, we sponsored a DX HOG competition which drew a number of entries. Enough people entered that we thought we would do it again. The idea is to work as many DXpedition stations working the contest on as many bands as you can. Last years winner was KØGT, with about 50 band stations. As we did last year, a sheet will be handed out at the meeting listing the counting stations. If you cannot be at the meeting, but want to participate, get ahold of WBBZRL via the repeater, packet cluster, WAØRJT-1 BBS, the EIDXA net, or the landline. I will send you a copy.

Congratulations to the newest EIDXA members, NØLJO and KAØCWR. Both are closing-in on their 100th QSL card.

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